

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-18, 20-23, 25-32, 34-37, and 39-43 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 11-15, 25-29, and 39-42 are being amended. Claims 10, 24, 38, and 44 are being canceled. Claims 5, 19, and 33 were previously canceled. No new matter is being entered.

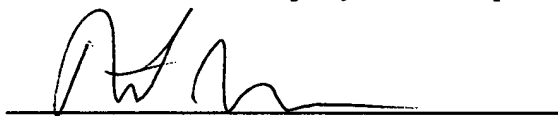
The applicants appreciate the indication that claim 44 was directed to allowable subject matter. As a result, claim 1 is being amended to include the language of claims 10 and 44, which are being canceled. In addition, independent claims 15 and 29 are being amended to include language corresponding to that of amended claim 1. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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